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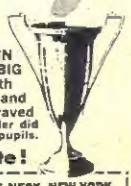

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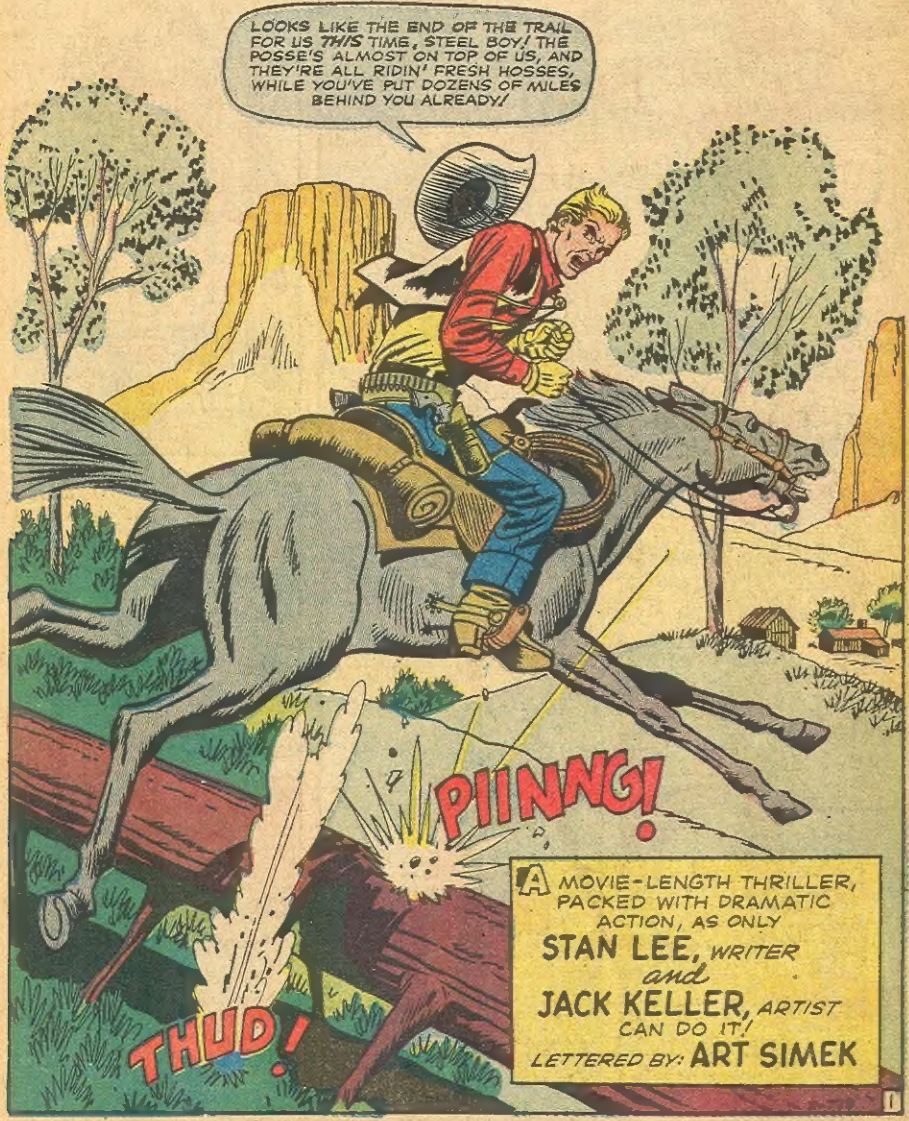
LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR US THIS TIME, STEEL BOY! THE POSSE'S ALMOST ON TOP OF US, AND THEY'RE ALL RIDIN' FRESH HOSSES, WHILE YOU'VE PUT DOZENS OF MILES BEHIND YOU ALREADY!
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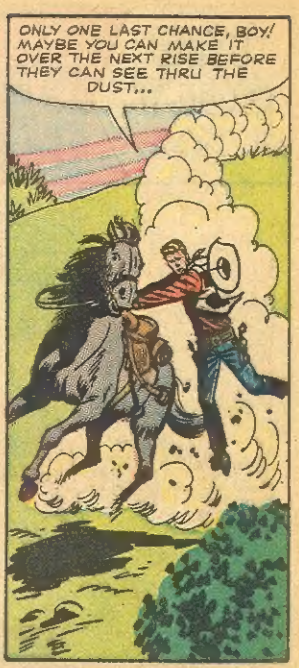
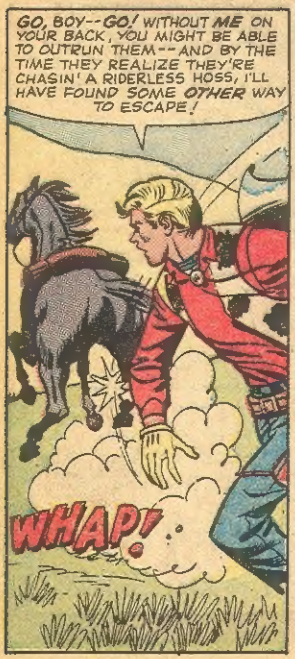
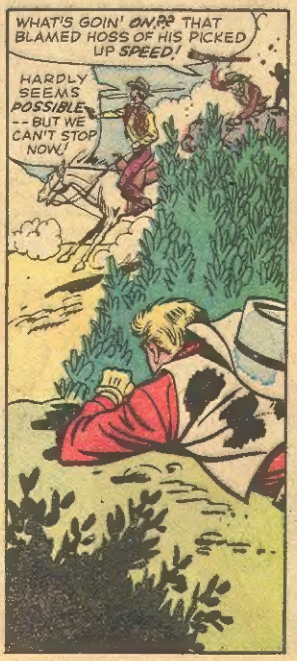
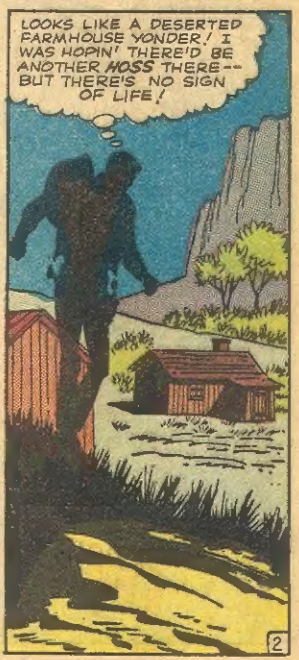
KEEP RIDIN', BOYS! WE'VE GOT 'IM NOW! THE KID CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER!
NEVER THOUGHT HE'D HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR! HE MUST BE RIDIN' ON NOTHIN' BUT SHEER NERVE AND HEART BY NOW!


ONLY ONE LAST CHANCE, BOY! MAYBE YOU CAN MAKE IT OVER THE NEXT RISE BEFORE THEY CAN SEE THRU THE DUST...


GO, BOY--GO! WITHOUT ME ON YOUR BACK, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO OUTRUN THEM--AND BY THE TIME THEY REALIZE THEY'RE CHASIN' A RIDERLESS HOSS, I'LL HAVE FOUND SOME OTHER WAY TO ESCAPE!
WHAP!


WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? THAT BLAMED HOSS OF HIS PICKED UP SPEED!
HARDLY SEEMS POSSIBLE--BUT WE CAN'T STOP NOW!


LOOKS LIKE A DESERTED FARMHOUSE YONDER! I WAS HOPIN' THERE'D BE ANOTHER HOSS THERE--BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF LIFE!
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MEANWHILE, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, THE WEARY, STEEL-GREY STALLION TRIPS OVER A GOPHER HOLE, AND...
THE HOOFBEATS STOPPED! HIS HOSS MUSTA TRIPPED! WE'VE GOT 'IM!
THERE'S NO ONE ON THE SADDLE! HE GAVE US THE SLIP!
HE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! WE SAW HIM ON HIS HOSS WHEN HE RODE TOWARDS THE BASSETT FARM!
HE'S ON FOOT NOW! SO HE STILL DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE! HEAD BACK TO BASSETT'S PLACE!
AND BE MIGHTY CAUTIOUS, BOYS! THE KID'S SUPPOSED TO BE A WIZARD WITH A GUN--AND HE'S AT BAY NOW --HE MIGHT TRY ANYTHING!
MINUTES LATER...
THERE'S THE FARM-HOUSE NOW! BUT NO SIGN OF THE KID!
DO YOU EXPECT HIM TO BE STANDIN' OUT FRONT, WAVING TO YA?? KEEP YOUR GUNS READY, BOYS!
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HEL-LO, THE HOUSE! WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE, KID! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
COME ON OUT, OR WE'LL COME IN AFTER YA!
NO ANSWER! HE WANTS TO MAKE A FIGHT OF IT!
WAIT! THE DOOR'S OPENIN'!
STEADY, BOYS! BE READY FOR ANYTHING! I HEAR FOOTSTEPS-- HERE HE COMES!
LOOK! IT-IT'S OLD MAN BASSETT!
WHAT'S WRONG, SHERIFF? WHY ALL THE COMMOTION??
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, MR. BASSETT! DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HOME!
WE'RE LOOKIN' FOR A DANGEROUS OWLHOOT, NAME OF KID COLT! HE'S HIDIN' HERE SOMEWHERE!
YOU MEAN A MEDIUM-SIZE, YOUNG-LOOKIN' JASPER-- WITH A BUCKSKIN VEST?? I SAW HIM RUNNING OVER THAT RISE NOT MORE'N TEN MINUTES AGO! I PLUMB WONDERED WHO HE WAS!

THE STAGE WAS DUE TO PASS THAT WAY A FEW MINUTES AGO! MAYBE HE MANAGED TO CATCH IT! LET'S GO!
BUT, SHERIFF--THAT STAGE GOES CLEAR OUT TO RIO VISTA! FROM HERE ON, IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY MORE STOPS FOR TWO DAYS!
AND IT'S PULLED BY THE FASTEST TEAM OF HOSSES IN THESE PARTS! WE CAN'T CATCH IT TILL RIO VISTA!
TWO DAYS DON'T MATTER! THE KID MUSTN'T ESCAPE! START RIDIN'!
ALRIGHT, KID! YOU CAN COME OUT OF THAT BARREL NOW! I KNEW YOU WERE IN THERE ALL THE TIME!
HE SAVED ME! BUT WHY?? WHAT'S HE AFTER??
I'M MIGHTY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU DID, MISTER BASSETT, THOUGH I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY'D YOU GIVE THE POSSE A BUM STEER?
I HAD MY REASONS! COME INTO THE HOUSE--AND I'LL TELL YOU!
RECKON I'VE NOTHING TO LOSE!
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THE SILENT MAN

WHEN young Mrs. Gamp told the Big Falls Ladies Thursday Afternoon Sewing Circle that her widowed great-aunt, Mrs. Augusta Barber was coming west, there was great interest.

At home, later, lawyer Sam Boker listened to his wife's report of the meeting.

"Easterner, eh?" he said. "But why is she coming West?"

Mrs. Boker beamed.

"Mrs. Gamp told us her aunt had a very inquiring kind of mind . . . she's the sort of person who wants to travel and see wider horizons."

"We've got 'em here," Sam Boker rejoined. "But I hope an inquiring mind doesn't mean a prying one."

"What do you mean?"

"There's a difference between the East and our West," Mr. Boker mused. "The West is bigger; it's backward in some ways, but more open-minded in others. We're not nosy out here."

"Anyway," Mrs. Boker said, "she'll probably join the Sewing Circle."

Mr. Boker was still musing. He said, "Well, I hope she knows enough to mind her own business . . . especially about old Lou."

Mrs. Augusta Barber arrived in Big Falls a week later, and immediately justified the hope that she would be, at least, interesting. She was quite formidable. Her first act, after several days, was to write a letter to the editor of the county's weekly newspaper, outlining all the things she had found wrong with Big Falls and the region in general. It was duly printed, but there were very few comments. In the letter, Mrs. Barber complained of the fact that the street lights in town were old-fashioned kerosene lamps, that the newspaper itself cost five cents more than the one she had been accustomed to reading back home, that mail deliveries were much slower than those back East, and made several other complaints.

Upon her introduction to the Thursday Afternoon Sewing Circle, her views were repeated and in the same strong fashion. The ladies who had hoped, at first, that she would bring a wider view to them, became more and more silent.

"I think I've enlarged their outlook, my dear, don't you?" Her aunt said to Mrs. Gamp as they were driving home in the Gamp buckboard.

"Well . . . uh . . . perhaps you did, Aunt Augusta," Mrs. Gamp stammered.

"A poorly conducted town," Mrs. Barber remarked, glancing about the streets. "All kinds of odd characters lounging about."

"Why they're just cowpokes visiting in town from the various cattle raising spreads," Mrs. Gamp laughed. "They only wear their best clothes when they go to church or town meeting."

"They look like ragamuffins or tramps," sniffed Mrs. Barber. "See that one, for instance. Why he looks like an absolute hobo!"

"Why that's just old Lou," her niece said, and both women glanced at the middle-aged man. His boots were in fairly ruinous state, his levis were patched in a dozen places, and his wide-brimmed hat would have been no protection at all in a rain-shower. "He's a sort of character, I guess . . . but perfectly harmless."

"Seems to me almost the whole West is made up of odd characters," declared Mrs. Barber.

"Most folks out here are descended from independent-minded pioneers," Mrs. Gamp explained. "We all reckon everyone's got a right to live their own lives the way they choose, provided they don't break the law. And Lou is certainly very law-abiding."

"Hmmmm. Well, I think that tidying up your Lou would be a good start toward making this town look better! I'm going to find out more about him!" Mrs. Barber shook her head vigorously. "And then I'm going to see that something's done about it, my dear!"

From several older members of the Sewing Circle, of like mind, she found out that Lou was the last of a big, landowning dynasty, that he lived in seclusion in a tumbledown man-

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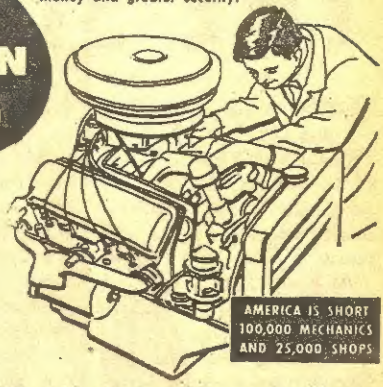

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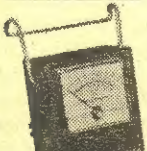

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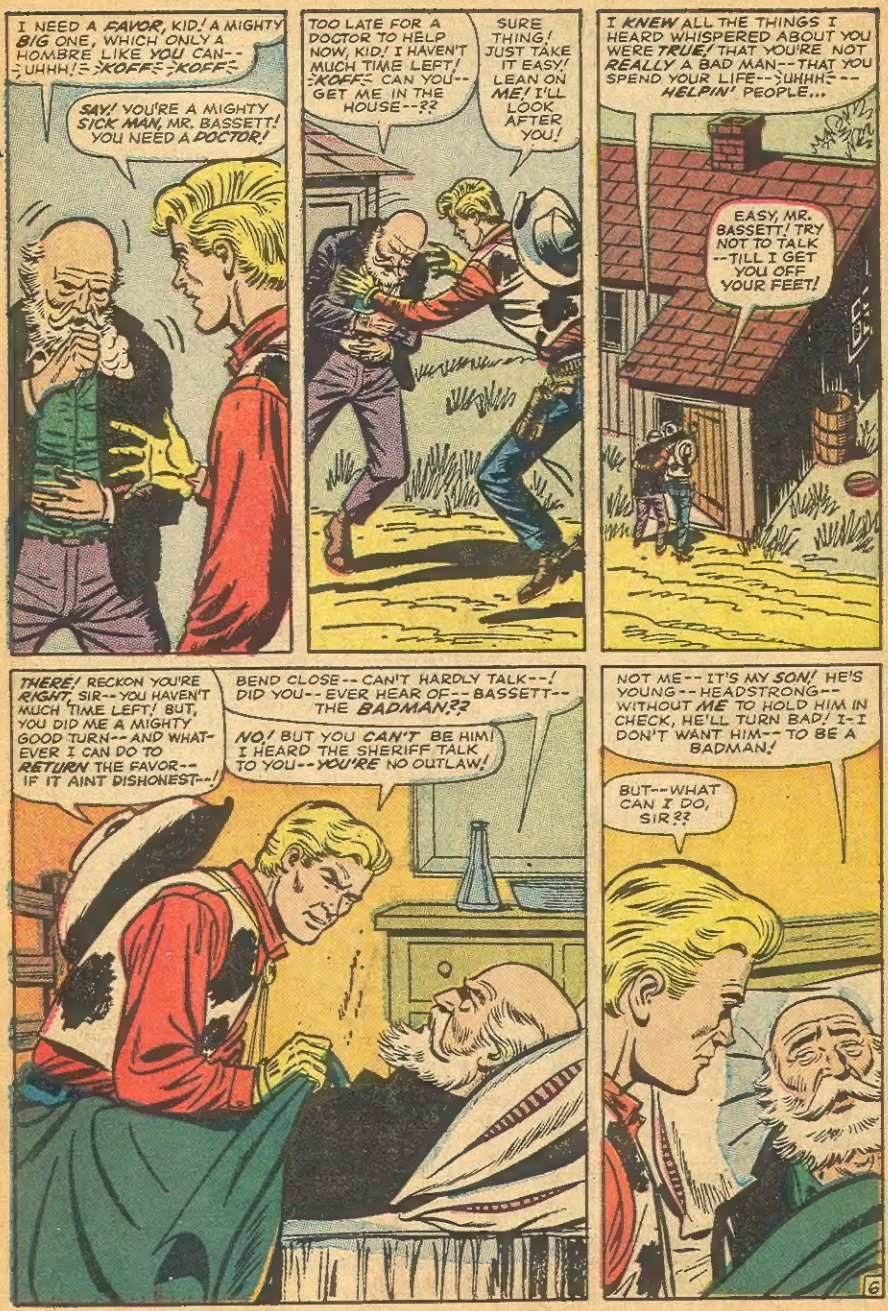
I NEED A FAVOR, KID! A MIGHTY BIG ONE, WHICH ONLY A HOMBRE LIKE YOU CAN--
UHHH!
KOFF
KOFF
SAY! YOU'RE A MIGHTY SICK MAN, MR. BASSETT! YOU NEED A DOCTOR!
TOO LATE FOR A DOCTOR TO HELP NOW, KID! I HAVEN'T MUCH TIME LEFT! KOFF CAN YOU-- GET ME IN THE HOUSE--??
SURE THING! JUST TAKE IT EASY! LEAN ON ME! I'LL LOOK AFTER YOU!
I KNEW ALL THE THINGS I HEARD WHISPERED ABOUT YOU WERE TRUE! THAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY A BAD MAN-- THAT YOU SPEND YOUR LIFE--UHHH-- HELPIN' PEOPLE...
EASY, MR. BASSETT! TRY NOT TO TALK --TILL I GET YOU OFF YOUR FEET!
THERE! RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT, SIR-- YOU HAVEN'T MUCH TIME LEFT! BUT, YOU DID ME A MIGHTY GOOD TURN-- AND WHATEVER I CAN DO TO RETURN THE FAVOR-- IF IT AINT DISHONEST--!
BEND CLOSE-- CAN'T HARDLY TALK--! DID YOU-- EVER HEAR OF-- BASSETT-- THE BADMAN??
NO! BUT YOU CAN'T BE HIM! I HEARD THE SHERIFF TALK TO YOU-- YOU'RE NO OUTLAW!
NOT ME-- IT'S MY SON! HE'S YOUNG-- HEADSTRONG-- WITHOUT ME TO HOLD HIM IN CHECK, HE'LL TURN BAD! I-I DON'T WANT HIM-- TO BE A BADMAN!
BUT--WHAT CAN I DO, SIR??
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JUST SEE HIM--TALK TO HIM--TELL HIM HOW TERRIBLE A BADMAN'S LIFE IS! MAYBE--HE'LL LISTEN--TO YOU!
IT'S AN EASY THING TO TELL, MISTER BASSETT--A TRUE THING! THERE AIN'T A WORSE LIFE POSSIBLE!
I THANK YOU, KID--AND--I BLESS YOU--! I KNOW YOU'LL DO IT! I KNOW--YOU'LL STOP--MY SON FROM--TURNIN' BAD...!
I SWEAR I'LL DO MY BEST, MR. BASSETT! DON'T WORRY--I'LL FIND HIM, AND TRY TO HELP!
THANK YOU, KID--THA--UHHHH...
HE'S GONE!
A SHORT TIME LATER, AFTER THE HEAVY-HEARTED GUNFIGHTER DOES WHAT HAS TO BE DONE, HE TURNS SLOWLY AWAY FROM THE BASSETT FARM, DETERMINED TO LIVE UP TO THE PLEDGE HE MADE TO A DYING MAN...!
SLEEP EASY, MR. BASSETT! YOU WERE A GOOD MAN...
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MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY TOWN OF BEDROCK...
YOU LOSE AGAIN, BASSETT! THAT FINISHES 'YA! YOU DON'T PLAY ANY MORE TILL I SEE THE COLOR OF YOUR MONEY!
GUESS AGAIN, MR. W-LKS! BEN BASSETT CAN ALWAYS GET PLENTY OF MORE MONEY WHERE THAT CAME FROM! I'LL WIN IT ALL BACK YET!
ANYWAY, I GOT A FEE-LIN' YOU'VE BEEN CHEATIN' ME! NOBODY CAN WIN EVERY SINGLE HAND LIKE YOU KEPT DOIN'! I SAY YOU COLD-DECKED ME!
THOSE ARE FIGHTING WORDS, BASSETT! NOBODY ACCUSES FARO WILKS OF CHEATIN' UNLESS HE CAN BACK HIS WORDS WITH HARD LEAD!
YOU'RE NOT SCARIN' ME, M'STER! I DON'T WEAR MY GUN JUST FOR SHOW!
I SAY YOU'RE A LOW-DOWN, THIEVIN' COYOTE! AND I SAY I'M DRAWIN' AGAINST YA, UNLESS I GET ALL MY MONEY BACK BEFORE I COUNT THREE! ONE--
I'VE GOT TO STALL HIM TILL MONTANA CAN GET 'IM FROM BEHIND!
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NOW LOOK BOY--THERE'S NO NEED TO BE UNREASONABLE! WE CAN SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY...!
SINGIN' A DIFFERENT TUNE NOW, HUH?
DROP THAT IRON, BASSETT!
YOU YOUNG FOOL! DID YOU THINK I'D LET YOU OUTSMART ME?? LET 'IM HAVE IT, MONTANA!
NOBODY MOVE! IF THERE'S GONNA BE ANY GUNPLAY HERE, KID COLT'LL DO IT!
KID COLT! AND THE SHERIFF'S POSSE IS MILES FROM HERE!
WHAT RE YOU BUTTIN' IN FOR, HOMBRE! THIS AINT NO FIGHT OF YOURS!
I'M MAKIN' IT MY FIGHT! ANY OBJECTIONS.??!
COME ON, MONTANA! LET'S GO! THE KID'S HOLDIN THE TRUMP CARD NOW!
SO YOU'RE BEN BASSETT! I WANNA HAVE A LITTLE PALAVER WITH YOU, BOY!
FORGET IT, MISTER! I DIDN'T ASK YA TO TAKE MY SIDE! I COULDA BEAT 'EM ALONE!
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MEBBE SO, BEN! BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANNA TALK TO YOU ABOUT! IT'S YOUR FATHER! I HAVETA TELL YOU SOMETHING!
MY PA?!? WHAT IS IT?? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
HE'S--DEAD, BEN! I WAS THERE WHEN IT HAPPENED! HE WANTED ME TO BREAK IT TO YOU!
PA! DEAD! IT--IT DON'T SEEM POSSIBLE! I NEVER EVEN GOT TO SAY GOODBYE!
THEN, WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, THE GRIEVING YOUTH MOUNTS UP AND GALLOPS FOR HIS FARM...
I'LL HAVE TO WAIT HERE--SEE WHAT HE DOES WHEN HE RETURNS!
THEN, A FEW HOURS LATER, BEN BASSETT APPEARS ONCE MORE! BUT THIS TIME HE SEEMS OLDER, HARDER, MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER!
RELAX, BOYS! I'M NOT HERE FOR GUNPLAY! I FOUND MY PA'S SAVINGS--AND I'M GONNA USE 'EM TO WIN EVERY LAST CENT YOU HAVE, WILKS!
THE FOOL! HE STILL HASN'T LEARNED! HE'LL BE PENNILESS BEFORE HE LEAVES HERE AGAIN!
SURE, BEN--SURE! NO HARD FEELINGS! I BELIEVE IN LETTIN' BYGONES BE BYGONES! WE'LL JUST HAVE US A NICE FRIENDLY GAME NOW!
NEVER MIND THE SOFT TALK, HOMBRE! JUST GET THE CARDS!

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ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEP?

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PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAFLEX. It really works —and how! In just a few [illegible] on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" J. C., New York City

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ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—weak, anaemic arms—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do they laugh and [illegible] when you take off your shirt?

HELPFUL IT ONLY [illegible] and solid pounds of rippling [illegible] strength to your build. I'll take those [illegible] arms and PACK EVERY INCH [illegible] with a MAN'S MUSCLE. I can [illegible] inches of strong, sleek MANLY BRAWN. I'll [illegible] your frame with GIANT RIPPING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will make them gasp with awe and admiration! And with [illegible] exercise. NO high priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

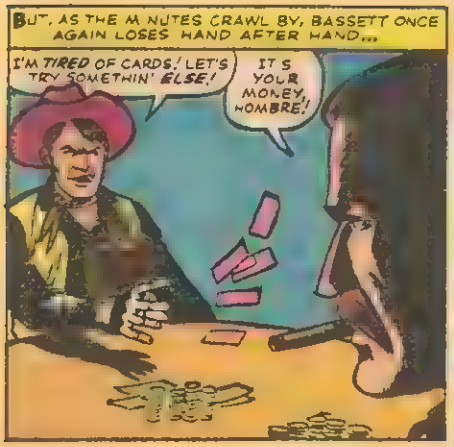
DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "eat-all" diets, protein foods, dumb-bells or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 50 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, lifting [illegible] weights.

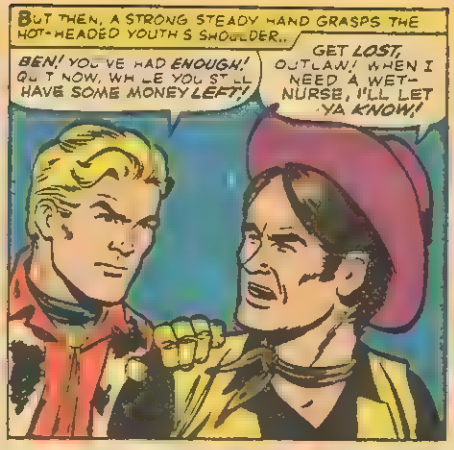
DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, [illegible] fullness and satisfy [illegible] DYNAFLEX paces that muscle to grow to its [illegible] new [illegible] and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your body frame with healthy rippling muscle. Give you a deep, full chest, [illegible] shoulders and [illegible] arms, massive [illegible] and [illegible] spring [illegible] amply [illegible] "DYNAFLEX" each muscle come a day. There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight lifting method—but why bother? Why waste time and money, when a sweet and straight way to a streamlined symmetrical MANLY STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

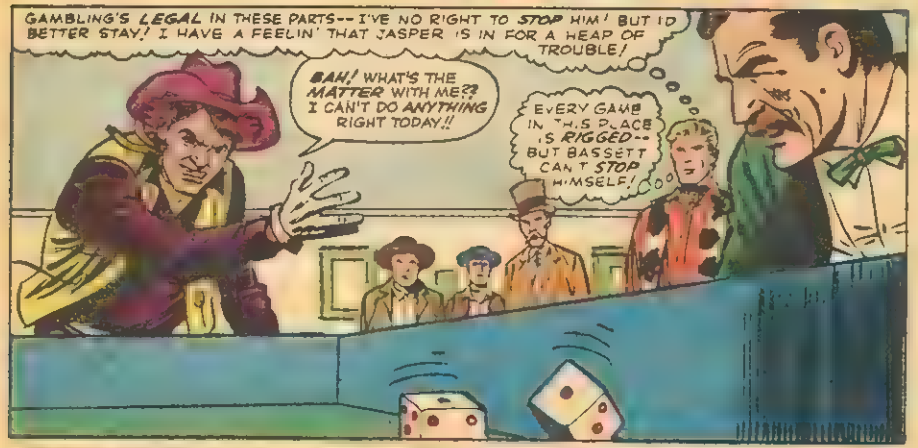
STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRED!

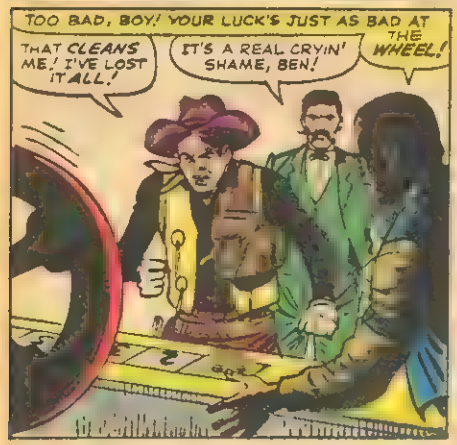
Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy [illegible] with the virile magnificent build, [illegible] and [illegible] secret [illegible] a broad [illegible] [illegible] chest, hand-some [illegible] [illegible] arms [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Be a [illegible] with TWO FISTS. BIG, VITAL AP-PEAL, they only laugh at skinny guys or [illegible]

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of hard and brawn [illegible] [illegible] you a hand-some super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs charged [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]


BUT, AS THE MINUTES CRAWL BY, BASSETT ONCE AGAIN LOSES HAND AFTER HAND...
I'M TIRED OF CARDS! LET'S TRY SOMETHIN' ELSE!
IT'S YOUR MONEY, HOMBRE!


BUT THEN, A STRONG STEADY HAND GRASPS THE HOT-HEADED YOUTH'S SHOULDER..
BEN! YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH! QUIT NOW, WHILE YOU STILL HAVE SOME MONEY LEFT!
GET LOST, OUTLAW! WHEN I NEED A WET-NURSE, I'LL LET YA KNOW!


GAMBLING'S LEGAL IN THESE PARTS--I'VE NO RIGHT TO STOP HIM! BUT I'D BETTER STAY! I HAVE A FEELIN' THAT JASPER IS IN FOR A HEAP OF TROUBLE!
BAH! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME?? I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT TODAY!!
EVERY GAME IN THIS PLACE IS RIGGED--BUT BASSETT CAN'T STOP HIMSELF!


TOO BAD, BOY! YOUR LUCK'S JUST AS BAD AT THE WHEEL!
THAT CLEANS ME! I'VE LOST IT ALL!
IT'S A REAL CRYIN' SHAME, BEN!

I TRIED TO WARN YOU, BEN! ALL THE ODDS WERE AGAINST YOU!
LOOK, KID--I TOLD YA ONCE TO BUTT OUT OF MY BUSINESS, DIDN'T I? WHAT ARE YOU AFTER, ANYWAY??

I'M NOT AFTER ANYTHING! I'M JUST TRYIN' TO TALK SOME SENSE TO YA--TO STOP YOU FROM GETTIN' IN DEEPER AND DEEPER, UNTIL--
UNTIL I BECOME AN OWLHOOT LIKE YOU--IS THAT WHAT YA MEAN??
THAT REMINDS ME! THERE'S A REWARD OFFERED FOR YOU, K.D.! NONE OF THE OTHER JASPERS IN TOWN HAVE THE NERVE TO CLAIM IT, BUT I'M DIFFERENT!
DON'T GO FOR THAT GUN!
ALRIGHT, I'LL STOP YA LIKE THIS THEN! I'M A LOT TOUGHER THAN YA THOUGHT, KID!
WITH THE REWARD MONEY FOR YOUR CAPTURE AS A STAKE, I'LL HIT THE OWLHOOT TRAIL MYSELF--BUT I'LL BE A LOT MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN YOU!
I COULD WHUP HIM WITH ONE HAND IN MY POCKET! BUT I CAN'T GO BACK ON THE PROMISE I MADE TO HIS DAD! I'VE GOT TO HELP 'IM--BUT HOW??!
BEN! STOP IT! YOU CAN'T TURN IN A MAN WHO'S BEEN TRYING TO HELP YOU! BEN! PLEASE--FOR ME!
STAY OUTTA THIS, MAYBELLE! GIRLS DON'T KNOW ANYTHIN' ABOUT THESE THINGS!
THAT MUST BE HIS GAL FRIEND! MAYBE SHE CAN TALK SOME SENSE TO 'IM BEFORE I HAVE TO GET ROUGH!
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BEN BASSETT! IF YOU DON'T STOP RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE, I'LL BREAK OUR ENGAGEMENT! I'LL NEVER MARRY YOU!
HOLD ON, NOW! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKIN' TO??
THIS IS MY CHANCE-- I'LL TRY TO GET AWAY!
MAYBE I WON'T WANNA MARRY UP WITH YOU! MAYBE I WANT A GAL WITH MORE BACKBONE! A HOMBRE WHO'S FIXIN' TO BECOME A BADMAN DOESN'T WANT TO MARRY A CRYBABY!
Y-YOU DON'T LOVE ME AFTER ALL!
I'VE GOT NO TIME FOR LOVE! AND I GOT NO TIME FOR YOU! NOW YOU JUST WALK YOURSELF ON OUT OF HERE, GAL! WHEN I WANT YOU, I'LL SEND FOR YOU!
YOU MEAN IT! YOU REALLY MEAN IT!
YOU'RE BLAMED RIGHT I MEAN IT! IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT EVERYBODY IN THESE PARTS GETS TO REALIZE THAT BASSETT THE BADMAN MEANS WHAT HE SAYS!
HOW COULD I EVER HAVE THOUGHT I LOVED YOU?? HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SUCH A BLIND FOOL??!
I LIKE THE WAY YOU HANDLED YOURSELF THERE, BASSETT! AND, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTIN' BACK ALL THE MONEY YOU LOST, I'VE GOT A PROPOSITION FOR YOU!
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE COMIN' AROUND, WILKS! SURE, SPEAK YOUR PIECE! I'M LISTENIN'!

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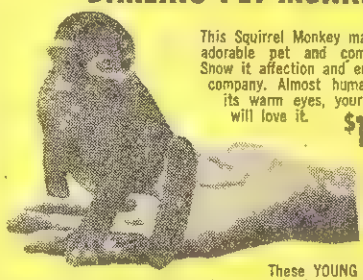

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PRIVATE
THIS IS GREAT! NEXT TO ME, KID COLT IS GONNA BE SMALL POTATOES!
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS! YOU CLAIM YOU'VE GOT THE MAKIN'S OF A BADMAN! WELL, I'VE GOT A LITTLE KILLIN' FOR YOU TO DO!
YOU MEAN--MURDER SOMEONE?!!
YEAH! IT WON'T BE HARD! MY BOYS AIM TO ROB THE BANK --AND WE NEED SOMEONE TO SILENCE THE MANAGER--FOR GOOD!
YOU'RE LOCO! I DON'T BARGAIN FOR ANY KIND OF JOB LIKE THAT!
I KNEW IT! YOU'RE NO BAD-MAN! YOU JUST TALK TOUGH! WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, YOU'RE JUST A SCARED KID!
SCARED KID, AM I?? I'LL SHOW YA WHO'S A SCARED KID! HOW MUCH DOES THAT SHOOTIN' PAY?
WE'LL SETTLE THAT AFTER THE JOB! FIRST, I HAVE TO SEE IF YOU'RE WORTH THE MONEY--AND WE'LL FIND OUT TONIGHT!
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AND SO, A FEW HOURS LATER THAT NIGHT. .
THIS IS THE PLACE! I RECKON THERE'S NO BACKIN' OUT FOR ME NOW! THIS IS IT!
BANK
MR. HORNBY, ARE YOU HERE ALL ALONE TONIGHT?
OF COURSE, SON! IT'S PAST BANKING HOURS SO I'D SMISSED THE STAFF!
IF YOU HAVE A TRANSACTION TO MAKE, YOU'LL HAVE TO RETURN TOMORROW MORNING--.
THE TRANSACTION I WANNA MAKE CAN BE DONE RIGHT NOW! JUST HAND OVER ALL THE DOUGH FROM YOUR SAFE!
LOOK, BASSETT! IF THAT'S A JOKE, IT'S IN VERY POOR TASTE!
IT'S NO JOKE, HOMBRE! YOU SHOULDA DONE WHAT THE KID SAID! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT THE HARD WAY!
WHO'S THAT??!
IT'S ME, FARO WILKS--WITH A FEW OF MY BOYS! I DON'T MIND YOU KNOWIN', BECAUSE YOU AIN'T EVER GONNA TELL ANYONE!
WHA--WHAT DO YOU MEAN??
HE MEANS WE'RE FIXIN' TO ROB THIS BANK, MISTER! AND THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' YOU CAN DO TO STOP US!
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I MEAN MORE THAN THAT, BASSETT! YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO--NOW DO IT!
OKAY! OKAY! DON'T RUSH ME!
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS, MR. HORNBY!
NO! YOU CAN'T! YOU WOULDN'T! I-I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE A BOY! I KNEW YOUR FATHER! NO, BEN-- DON'T!!
STOP IT!! STOP SAYIN' THAT, DO YA HEAR??
I-I CAN'T BEAR TO HEAR IT-- TO THINK ON IT! I DIDN'T SUSPICION THAT BEIN' A BAD-MAN WOULD BE LIKE THIS--!
SHOOT, BASSETT! SHOOT, BLAST YOU!
THEN, WHEELING ABOUT SUDDENLY, THE TORMENTED YOUTH SHOVES THE STARTLED BANK MANAGER OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE AS HE DOES SHOOT--AT THE GUNMEN BEHIND H.M.!
TAKE COVER, MR. HORNBY!
ALRIGHT, WILKS! I'LL SHOOT! JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO!
HE'S DOUBLE-CROSSIN' US! GUN 'IM DOWN! HURRY!
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QUICK! DUCK BEHIND THAT DESK!
I TOOK 'EM SO MUCH BY SURPRISE, THAT THEY AIN'T GOT THE RANGE YET! WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE!
BUT ANY SLIM CHANCE BEN BASSETT MIGHT HAVE HAD, QUICKLY FADES AWAY AS HE REALIZES..
OH--NO!! I--I'M OUT OF AMMO!!
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
HIS GUNS ARE EMPTY! LET'S GET 'IM BEFORE HE CAN RELOAD!
LET ME HAVE THE FIRST CRACK AT THAT YELLA COYOTE!
OH NO! HE'S MINE!
NOBODY CROSSES FARO WALKS AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
SUDDENLY, THE SHRILL SOUND OF BREAKING GLASS CUTS THRU THE BANK LIKE A THUNDERCLAP AS A RACING, SNARLING SHOOTING FIGURE CRASHES IN..!
ALRIGHT, HOMBRES--THE PARTY'S OVER!
UGHHH! MY HAND!
IT'S THE KID!! WHERE'D HE COME FROM???
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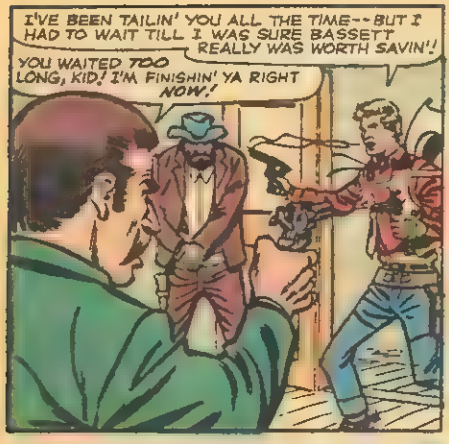
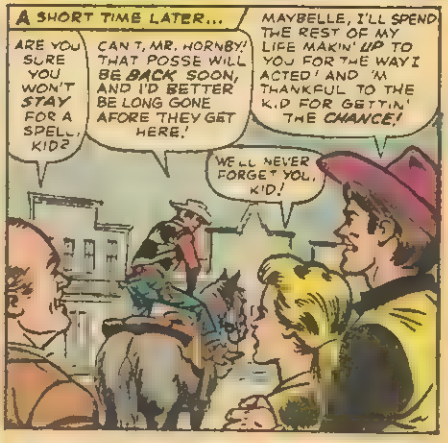
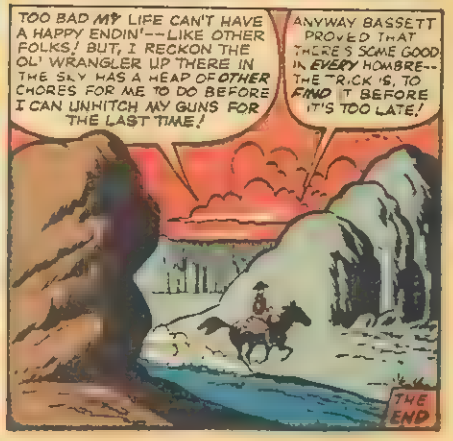

I'VE BEEN TAILIN' YOU ALL THE TIME--BUT I HAD TO WAIT TILL I WAS SURE BASSETT REALLY WAS WORTH SAVIN'!
YOU WAITED TOO LONG, KID! I'M FINISHIN' YA RIGHT NOW!

NO YOU DON'T, WILKS! I RECKON I KNOW NOW WHICH SIDE I'M ON!
BLAST YOU! YOU MADE MY SHOT GO WILD!

IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU I DID! AT LEAST YOU'LL ESCAPE THE GALLOWS! YOU OUGHTTA BE GRATEFUL TO ME--JUST LIKE I'M GRATEFUL TO KID COLT!


A SHORT TIME LATER...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T STAY FOR A SPELL, KID?
CAN'T, MR. HORNBY! THAT POSSE WILL BE BACK SOON, AND I'D BETTER BE LONG GONE AFORE THEY GET HERE!
MAYBELLE, I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE MAKIN' UP TO YOU FOR THE WAY I ACTED! AND I'M THANKFUL TO THE KID FOR GETTIN' THE CHANCE!
WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, KID!


TOO BAD MY LIFE CAN'T HAVE A HAPPY ENDIN'--LIKE OTHER FOLKS! BUT, I RECKON THE OL' WRANGLER UP THERE IN THE SKY HAS A HEAP OF OTHER CHORES FOR ME TO DO BEFORE I CAN UNHITCH MY GUNS FOR THE LAST TIME!
ANYWAY BASSETT PROVED THAT THERE'S SOME GOOD IN EVERY HOMBRE--THE TRICK IS, TO FIND IT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
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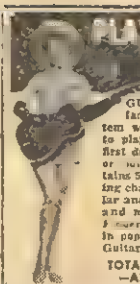

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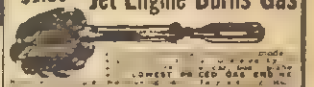

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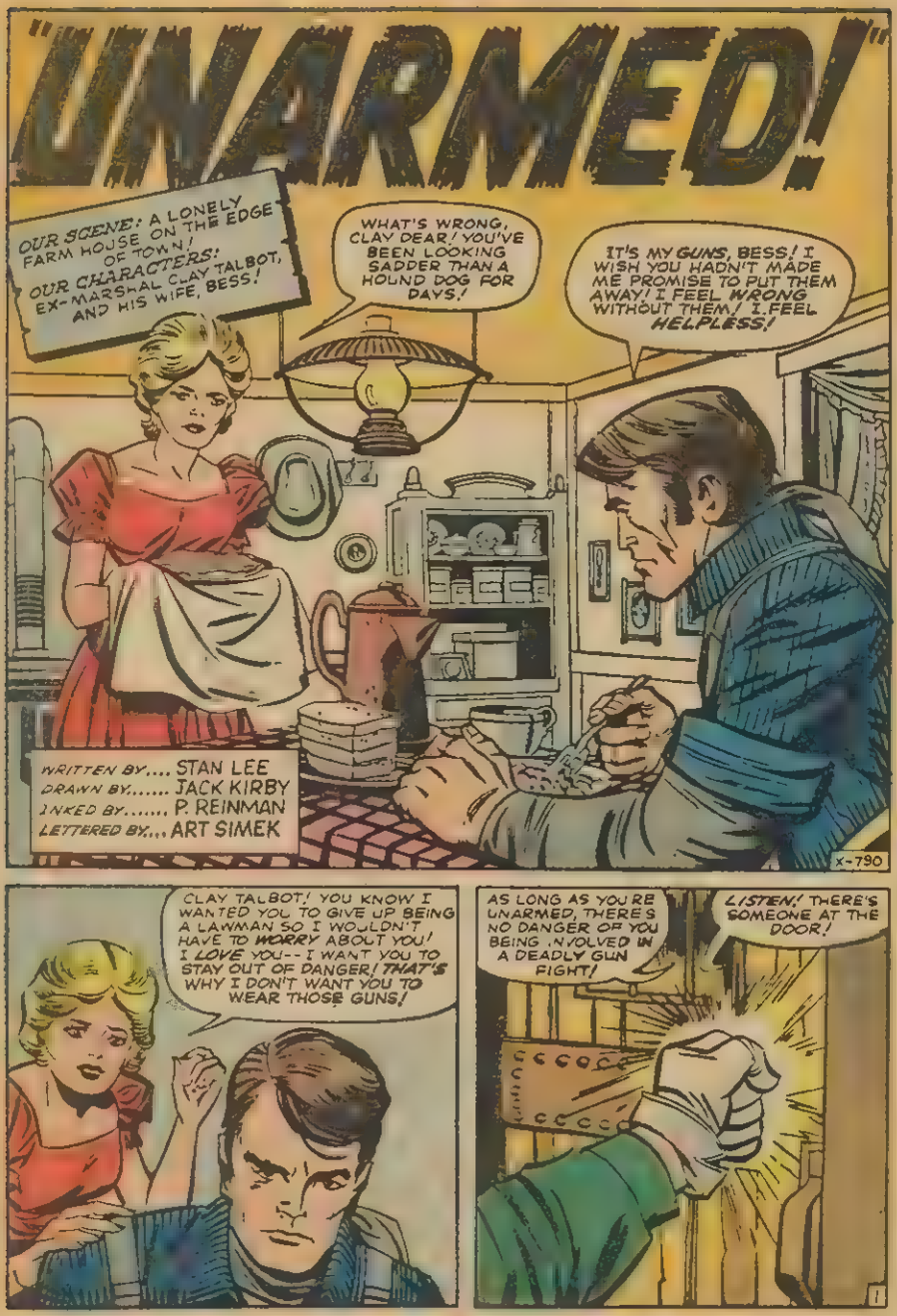
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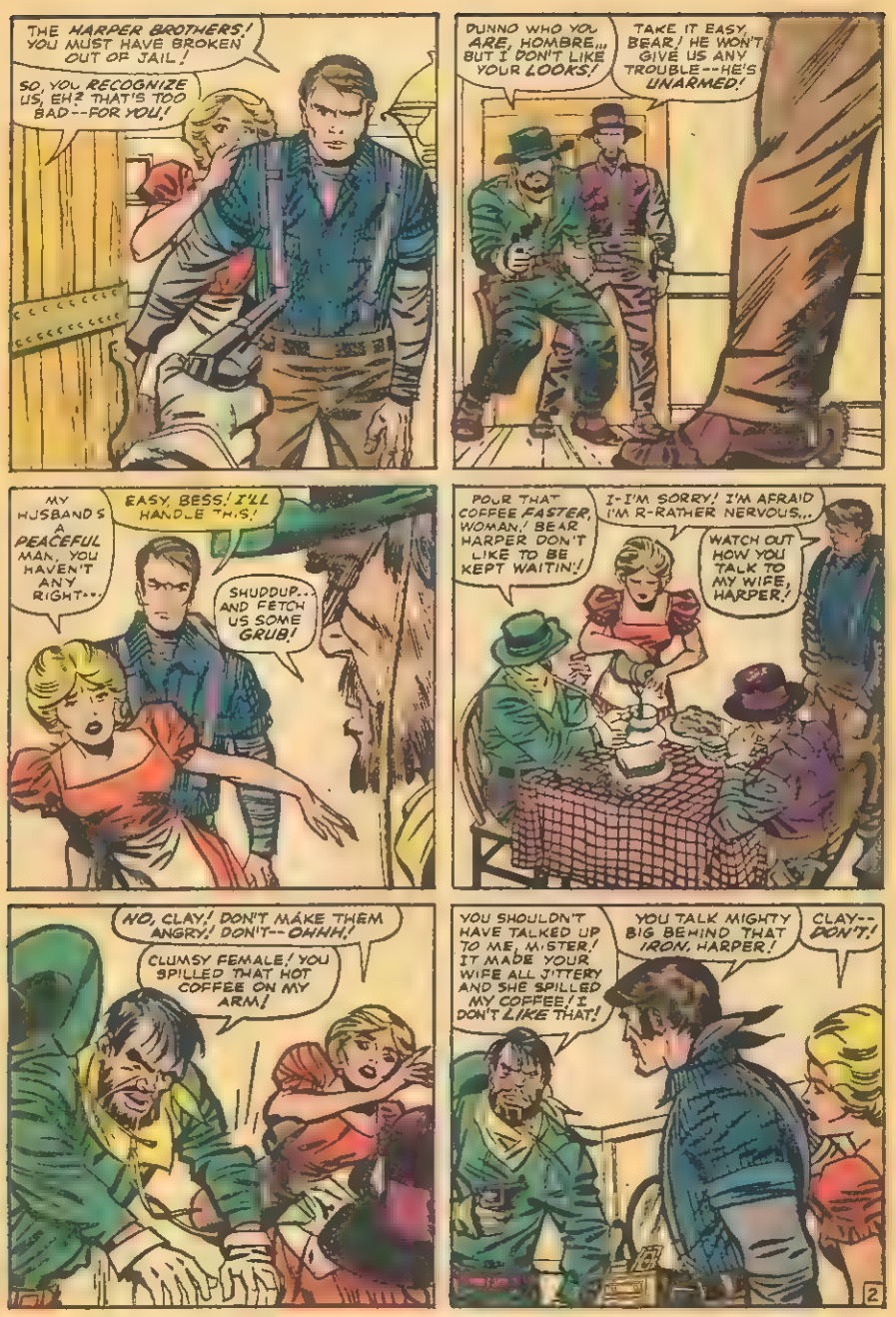
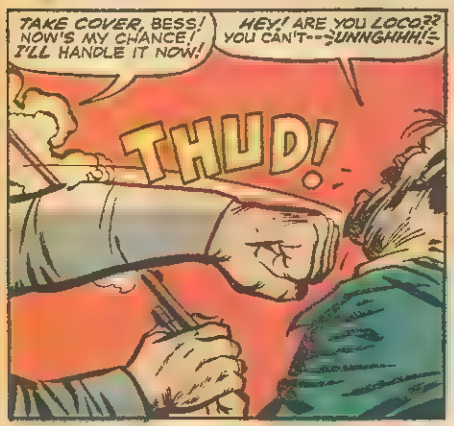
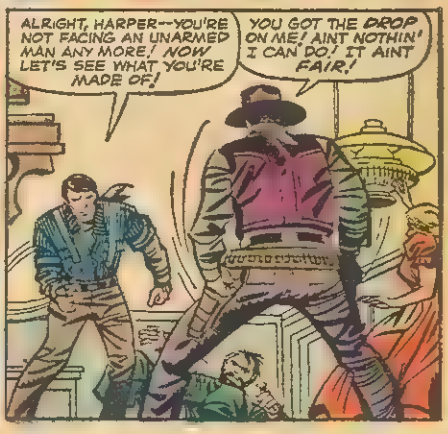

THE HARPER BROTHERS! YOU MUST HAVE BROKEN OUT OF JAIL!
SO, YOU RECOGNIZE US, EH? THAT'S TOO BAD--FOR YOU!
DUNNO WHO YOU ARE, HOMBRE... BUT I DON'T LIKE YOUR LOOKS!
TAKE IT EASY, BEAR! HE WON'T GIVE US ANY TROUBLE--HE'S UNARMED!
MY HUSBAND'S A PEACEFUL MAN, YOU HAVEN'T ANY RIGHT...
EASY, BESS! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
SHUDDUP... AND FETCH US SOME GRUB!
POUR THAT COFFEE FASTER, WOMAN! BEAR HARPER DON'T LIKE TO BE KEPT WAITIN'!
I-I'M SORRY! I'M AFRAID I'M R-RATHER NERVOUS...
WATCH OUT HOW YOU TALK TO MY WIFE, HARPER!
NO, CLAY! DON'T MAKE THEM ANGRY! DON'T-- OHHH!
CLUMSY FEMALE! YOU SPILLED THAT HOT COFFEE ON MY ARM!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TALKED UP TO ME, MISTER! IT MADE YOUR WIFE ALL JITTERY AND SHE SPILLED MY COFFEE! I DON'T LIKE THAT!
YOU TALK MIGHTY BIG BEHIND THAT IRON, HARPER!
CLAY-- DON'T!
2

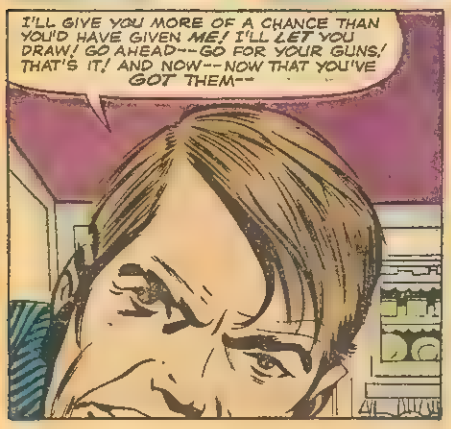
TALKIN' AINT ALL I CAN DO! DO YA SEE WHAT I MEAN??
WHAM!
NO, CLAY! YOU'RE UNARMED! YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?? DO YOU THINK THEY'LL LEAVE US HERE ALIVE TO TELL THE LAW THAT WE SAW THEM?
SAY! AIN'T YOU THE SMART JASPER! ANYONE WHO'S THAT SMART OUGHTTA HAVE SENSE ENOUGH TO TOTE A GUN IN THESE PARTS!
AWW, WE TALKED ENOUGH! LET'S TAKE ALL THE MONEY AND PROVISIONS WE CAN FIND, AND RIDE OUTTA HERE!
RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT, BEAR! C'MON, MISTER--HAND OVER YOUR MONEY BELT AND DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS!
WHY NOT? WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?
KNOW SOMETH'N?? HE'S RIGHT!
3

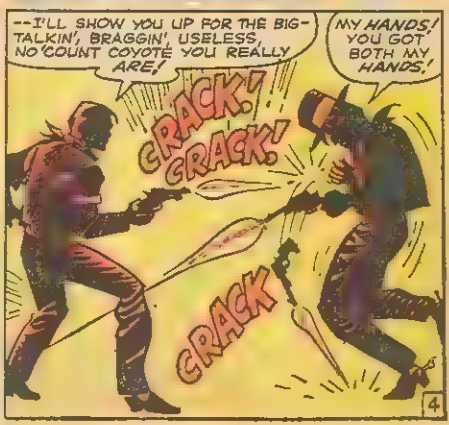
OH, PLEASE--DON'T HURT MY HUSBAND! WE'LL GIVE YOU OUR MONEY--WE WON'T TELL ANYONE YOU WERE HERE! BUT DON'T HURT HIM!
SHE PLEADS REAL NICE, HOMBRE! WHAT ABOUT YOU? AIN'T YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SAY??

BESS, STOP IT! YOU CAN'T REASON WITH THEM! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THEY UNDERSTAND--ONLY ONE THING THAT CAN STOP THEM--FORCE!
HE'S PLUMB RIGHT, LITTLE LADY! NOW YOU JUST STAND ASIDE AND DON'T INTERFERE IN THINGS THAT AIN'T YOUR CONCERN!


TAKE COVER, BESS! NOW'S MY CHANCE! I'LL HANDLE IT NOW!
HEY! ARE YOU LOCO?? YOU CAN'T--
THUD!
-UNNGHHH!-


ALRIGHT, HARPER--YOU'RE NOT FACING AN UNARMED MAN ANY MORE! NOW LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF!
YOU GOT THE DROP ON ME! AIN'T NOTHIN' I CAN DO! IT AIN'T FAIR!


I'LL GIVE YOU MORE OF A CHANCE THAN YOU'D HAVE GIVEN ME! I'LL LET YOU DRAW! GO AHEAD--GO FOR YOUR GUNS! THAT'S IT! AND NOW--NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT THEM--


--I'LL SHOW YOU UP FOR THE BIG-TALKIN', BRAGGIN', USELESS, NO'COUNT COYOTE YOU REALLY ARE!
MY HANDS! YOU GOT BOTH MY HANDS!
CRACK! CRACK!
CRACK
4

HE FORGOT ABOUT ME! NOW'S MY CHANCE! I'LL JUST GRAB ONE OF THESE IRONS...
THIS IS IT, MISTER! I'LL TEACH YA TO TRY TO STOP THE HARPER BROTHERS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TEACH ME, HOMBRE! I LEARNED ABOUT THESE THINGS YEARS AGO--FROM MUCH TOUGHER OWLHOOTS THAN YOU!
UHHHH!
CRACK!
HOW'D HE DO IT, BEAR?? HE WAS ALONE --UNARMED--!
I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE SAFE! HE WASN'T WEARIN' IRONS--!
DO YOU HEAR THAT, BESS? DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID??
HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SAFE--BECAUSE I WASN'T WEARING IRONS! NOW DO YOU REALIZE THAT A MAN CAN'T STAY OUT OF TROUBLE BY BEING DEFENSELESS?!!
UNTIL THE WEST IS TAMED--UNTIL HUMAN BEASTS LIKE THEM ROAM THE HILLS NO LONGER--A MAN NEEDS HIS GUNS!
BUT THE DAY WILL COME, DARLIN'--IT'S ON THE WAY NOW! A DAY WHEN LAW AND ORDER RULE THIS TERRITORY... WHEN MEN CAN TRULY BE UNARMED, AND STILL BE SAFE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, CLAY DEAR! AND AT LAST I KNOW THAT SUCH A DAY WILL ONLY COME BECAUSE MEN SUCH AS YOU WERE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR IT!
THE END
5

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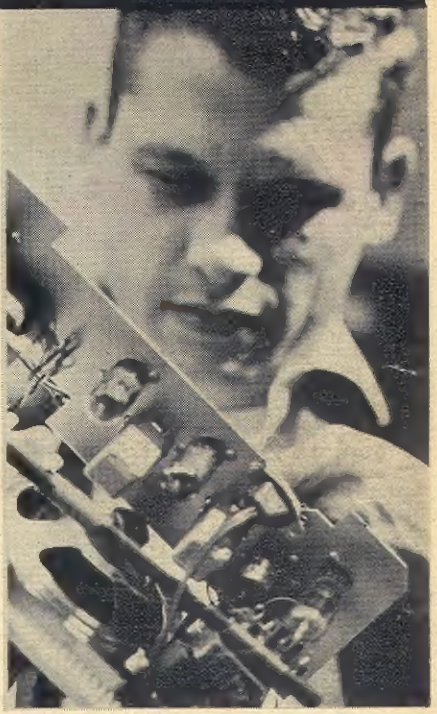

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